



Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Hampshire State Technical Committee



What is the State Technical Committee?

This committee is an advisory group to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Members serve to provide feedback on the implementation of the natural resources conservation provisions of Farm Bill legislation.

Chaired by the NRCS State Conservationist in each State, the New Hampshire State Technical Committee is led by NRCS State Conservationist Rick Ellsmore and, in addition to the full committee, has sub-committees focused on forestry and technical service providers, wildlife, agriculture, grazing, soil health, and conservation easements.

The Committee recommends criteria and guidelines for agricultural and nonindustrial private forestland producers regarding new and existing conservation programs and initiatives.

Who Can Serve on the State Technical Committee?

Committees are intended to include members from a diversity of natural resource and agricultural interests. In NH, the committee is composed of representatives from Federal and State natural resource agencies, and local agricultural and environmental organizations, as well as farmers.

When and Where are the Meetings?

The NH State Technical Committee meets quarterly, usually in Concord, NH. Dates, location and times are posted on the [NRCS NH State Technical Committee webpage](#).

What Happens at the Meeting?

The meetings include reports on current Farm Bill Program statistics in NH, outreach priorities, and reports from other USDA agencies and State Technical Committee members. The Committee provides information, analysis, and recommendations to USDA on conservation priorities and criteria for natural resources conservation activities and programs, including application and funding criteria, recommended practices, and program payment percentages.

Detailed minutes from each meeting are posted with presentations from the meeting on the NH NRCS website [State Technical Committee Meeting archives page](#).

In their advisory capacity, committee members are invited to provide information, analysis, and recommendations which are used by the State Conservationist and NRCS leadership in making final decisions for delivering conservation program in NH.

How Do I Get Involved?

Individuals or groups wanting to participate as members on the NH State Technical Committee may submit requests to the State Conservationist explaining their interest and relevant credentials. Emails should be sent to rick.ellsmore@nh.usda.gov.

To be included on meeting announcement notices, send an email to kimberly.zaleski@nh.usda.gov.

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